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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT. Executing repairs &c to the Construction of a Gopuram to the Sri Channakesavaswamy Temple at Belur

PREVIOUS REFERENCES

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

Subject.

Construction of a Gopuram to the Belur Temple.

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore

Letter No. 2493 Dated 20th April 1906

In Dasara Representative assembly of 1905 the Representative members prayed that the Government might be pleased to take up the necessary repairs to the Belur temple and the construction of the Vimana (Gopuram) may also be ordered early. To this the Reply of Govt was that the Chief Engineer will be asked to whether he cannot send Mr Raghavalu

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prepare an Estimate. The Chief
Engineer was accordingly addressed
⊗ & reply he states that the
construction of a Gopuram to the Temple
cannot be undertaken as the
work was has been found impracticable.
2) As regards the repairs to the
renewal building in the Main
Temple the Chief Engineer has been
xx to submit Estimates for the
works which were found to be
necessary by the Muzrai Secretary
during his personal inspection of
the Temple in Sept 1904.

May the Representation
of members be informed in the
above terms.

with a draft

Passed
7/5/1908

x This Office No 4462 d/5/4/06

⊗ Letter issued x disposed

xx This Office No 1843 d/12/10/05

MUZRAI DEPARTMENT.

OFFICE NOTE.

Subject.
Repairs to the Sri Chenna Kesavaswamy temple at Belur

LAST REFERENCE:—

Petition 1198
~~Letter~~ No. 30316 dated 15th September 1904
~~June 1903~~,
from Kesaviengar Dharmadarsi ~~Trustee of the Garbagudi~~ of the temple at Belur ~~Belgaum~~.

In July 1893, Govt in the General and the Revenue Departments sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs 1702/- for repairing the roof of the Sri Chenna Kesavaswami Temple at Belur. ~~As the~~ The repairs sanctioned consisted only of simple concrete of the roof of the Garbhagudi of the temple, which saturated during the rains and dripped. Complaints having been received by Her Highness the Maharani Regent of the futility of the repairs, the late Dewan Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer ordered the petitions ~~to be~~ transferred to the Public Works Department, and observed as follows:—

"The complaint is that the recent repairs "have made the principal ~~roof~~ room more leaky "than before. Whether this comparison is true or not "the fact seems beyond doubt that the recent repair

[illegible] needed in making the roof water tight. [illegible] must be done soon."

The Authorities suggest copper plate roof. This is not a bad idea. It is common in temples elsewhere. It is practically everlasting. It [illegible] for us to get over the unsatisfactory spirit of a Vimana. Kindly do the needful early

Thereupon, the Chief Engineer Col. C Bowen, [illegible] an estimate for Rs 9,030/- for providing [illegible] with a wooden Vimana. But this, [illegible] Bowen did not approve, observing as follows:-

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"I fear that the proposed dome will be [illegible] as incongruous. I would let this idea [illegible] and tell the people that a proper Vimana cannot be given without injuring or marring what remains of this ancient building. What they really want is a water-tight roof and if we give it, they will be pleased, and we will hear no more about the Vimana."

Thereupon the Executive Engineer made proposals to remedy the defect, but they were ordered to be kept back until the Superintending Engineer inspected

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of 2nd January.

the temple. In May 1897, the Superintending Engr Mr. W Mc Hutchin, after inspection, observed that the dis repaired condition of the roof was due to bad work, and at the suggestion of the Executive Engineer had the bad concrete removed by the Assistant Engineer Mr. Anantacharya, and had it re-placed with fresh concrete and covered ~~it~~ over with two courses of flat tiles in mortar and the building made water-tight again. The proposal to put a Copper plate roof however did not commend itself to the Executive Engineer.

Things were at this stage, when ~~the~~ letters* were received from the Residency to the address of the Secretary to Govt in the Genl and Revenue Departments, bringing to notice that the roof of the temple at Belur required some attention and stating that Col Robertson, the Honble the Resident, enquired:-

(1) as to the desirability of transferring the said temple to the control of the P.W. Department, as the Muzrai department which had the control over

* Nos 5525-45 5894 dy 26th Oct. 00 and 10th Nov 1900. Ships V U

:t the difficulty of obtaining a special grant
... any extra expenditure that might be required
repairing any special damage which might
:pen to the institution;

(2) as to the desirability of consulting the
rchaeological department, before any action
as to be taken by the P.W. Department regarding
conservation or repairs of ancient buildings,
and (3) whether important archaeological discoveries
ere being immediately referred to the Archaeological
partment.

The opinions of the Muzrai Superintendent
Secretary, the Chief Engineer and the Director
Archaeological Researches were called for in
matter. The first Officer Rai Bahadur M. A. Sreenivasa Charlu -x- -x- Note B/10.11.00
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ted (1) that what the Residents of Belur
been urging for was the re-construction of
temple Gopuram or Vimana in place of the
one which having been unsafe had been
mantled; (2) that such intimations were given
to the Archaeological Department of any
:coveries made during the repairs of Muzrai temples
that facilities were being given to that

by the temple managers for the purpose of studying and taking copies of inscriptions there. He also suggested that the temple might be transferred to the control of the P W Department only so far as repairs thereto are concerned, the cost of such repairs being met from the PW. ~~Deptt~~ Budget in special consideration of the importance of the ~~structure~~ as a renowned monument of ancient architecture.

Upon the views ~~of~~ obtained from the three Officers of the State referred to above, a reply was sent to the Residency, paras 2 and 3 of which relate to this Department.

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The Chief Engineer was thereupon addressed both by the Genl and the Revenue Secretariat and by this Department, ~~req~~ with a request that the temple in question might be examined generally, and its roof in particular and an estimate forwarded for the sanction of Government.

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In February 1901, the Deputy Chief Engineer Captain A.C. Jolyde Lotbiniere, R.E., submitted an estimate for Rs 1,930/- for the repairs

of the roof of the temple, and enquired if the repair of the adjoining buildings and mantap was also required, which the Executive Engineer stated would cost not less than Rs 10,000/-. The minor estimate viz that for Rs 1930/- was sanctioned x no. 1146-8 MuzF 90-92 dt 6.5.01 - Hag P under the orders of the Dewan, debiting the charge to the Muzrai Budget, the repairing of the adjoining buildings re having been ordered to be reserved, "unless their condition demanded prompt action and their architectural interest was such that a grant from the ordinary P. W grant was justifiable".

The works sanctioned above, were reported in June 1903 by the Superintending Engineer Mr. A. S. Hayavadana Rao is making good progress and that they ~~are progressing on, and~~ would be completed before the ~~next~~ succeeding month. They have since been completed.

The temple was inspected by the Muzrai Secretary on the 19th and 20th ~~October~~ September last, and a list of the items of repairs stated to be urgently required is hereto appended.

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One Kesavengar, Dharmadarsi has now petitioned that the repairs to the following

buildings of the temple are urgently required, and if they are neglected now, their restoration at a subsequent time would entail heavy expenditure :-

(1) Naganayakana mantap, where the temple God is taken before the commencement of the car-festival,

(2) Asthana Mantap, where festivities take place during the Navarathri;

(3) Nagarkhane, where Nagare, music are played ~~upon~~ daily,

*(4) Mahadwara, being the main entrance of the temple, through which the idol is taken out in procession.

On this petition, the Dewan was pleased to endorse "what ~~is~~ is said seems to be quite true"

[Repairs to temples, such as those a Belur, Halebid etc which are deemed interest and important from an architectural point of view, are being, as per standing orders on the subject, entrusted to the PW Depts, ~~the expenses not being however met from the funds of the~~

Issue at once the draft put up
to the Chief Engineer asking for
Estimates of the several works.

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Note Continued

The Chief Engineer forwards for Sanction
2 Estimates amounting to Rs. 12,213/- for the Several
works proposed to be executed to the Sri Channa-
cesava Swami temple at Belur.

The Estimates are as follows.—

Rs 1178-0-0	repairs to the Kitchen	
304-0-0	"	Nagarkhana-
313-0-0	"	Sri Rama Devaru Sannidhi.
295-0-0	"	Yagasala.
327-0-0	"	Narasimha Devaru temple.
636-0-0	"	Alwar's Sannidhi.
457-0-0	"	Jeer's Sannidhi.
1227-0-0	"	Kappe' Channaraya Swami's Sannidhi
1485-0-0	"	Anumanavaru temple
979-0-0	"	Vahana mantapa-
418-0-0	"	Sri Veeranarayana Swami temp
333-0-0	"	Andalamma Sannidhi.
218-0-0	"	Vedanta Desikar's Sannidhi.
72-0-0	"	Krishna devaru Sannidhi
613-0-0	"	Bhashyakar's Sannidhi.
200-0-0	"	Anjaneya temple.
764-0-0	"	Nagarakha mantapa.
520-0-0	"	Kalyana mantapa
6 -0-0	"	Arebagalu
	"	Pial to the South of Areba
	"	Gopuram or
		Comp'

MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

SUBJECT.

Repairs of the temple at Belur.

The Chief Engineer in Mysore -

No. 6645, Dated 24th September 1906.

The construction of the Viniana and repairs to the several minor temples situated within the premises of the Sri Chennakesava Devaru temple at Belur have been the subject of representation in the Dasara Representative Assembly meetings year after year - In 1904, when a representation was made in this matter the Representative Member was told that the question of constructing the Viniana was, so long ago as 1899, declared impracticable, but that the question of repairing the minor temples would be taken up early. Again in 1905, the

me question having again been brought forward,
Chief Engineer was requested on the 27th March
to, under the late Dewan Sir P. N. Krishna Murti's
ns whether we could not send Mr. Raghavalu Naidu,
cutive Engineer, Palace Division to prepare an
imate for the Viniana and the other works required.
t Officer seems to have been deputed for this purpose,
I ~~think~~ he is, it is believed, engaged in preparing the estimates.

In the meantime however, the Muzrai
etary inspected the temple in question in September
4, and thereupon addressed the Chief Engineer
esting to be furnished with separate estimates
repairing each of the several minor buildings noted
the list appended hereto. In reply, 23 Estimates
pared by the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division
Rs 12,213/- including Establishment, Tools and Plant
rges, have been received from the Chief Engineer
2 of the estimates is for repairing the outer Sopuram
a cost of Rs 429/-, and two others for Rs 662/- and
248/- for repairing the Anebagal and outer Prail,
e these three works are in addition to those mentioned
the appended list, while estimates for repairing
Viniana and Dhwajasthamba have not been
mitted as called for.

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Subsequent to the receipt of the above mentioned estimates a portion of the floor of the third storey of the Gopuram came down, and this fact having been brought to the notice of the Executive Engineer, the latter Officer reported to the Superintending Engineer that the structure of the floors of the Gopuram was not in a positively dangerous condition, but in order to prevent further deterioration, he solicited permission to execute the necessary repairs thereto at a lump sum cost of Rs 500/- (instead of Rs 429/- as provided in the Estimate) in anticipation of sanction, in case there was no early prospect of the estimates for all the 23 items of repair being sanctioned. This report of the Executive Engineer has been forwarded to this Office by the Chief Engineer for disposal and orders.

Orders are therefore required on the several estimates aggregating Rs 12,213/- and also in regard to the lump sum of Rs 500/- asked for for the

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[illegible] of claiming the under-mentioned

sum is the sum of Rs 8828-4-0 as surplus

[illegible] at the end of June 1900 but much
of this amount is required for current expenditure. Only Rs 700 are available
[illegible] out of the State Grant of Rs 15,000/-
is earmarked for the repairs of Muzrai buildings in
the Province. Of all the 28 estimates now submitted
[illegible], the cost thereof may, it is submitted
be considered the most as observed by the late
Muzrai Secretary Rai Bahadur M. A. Sreenivasa Charlu
in a note* of his to the Secretary, General & Revenue
Depts dated the 10th Nov. 1900, from the P. W. D.
Budget "in special consideration of the importance
of the structure of the temple as a renowned
monument of ancient Hindu architecture."

* Subd. in connection with a reference from the Hon'ble the Resident.

Subd
4/12/12 of

Muzrai Secretary's remarks:—

The repairs involved are
extensive and the Estimates amount
to no less than Rs 12,213/-. No funds
are available from the Muzrai Budget

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Under these circumstances, either a new grant may be sanctioned for the works and placed at the disposal of the P. W. Department or (2) that Department may be asked to consider the work as one of their own, and meet the cost thereof from the P. W. Budget, as the work is of an architectural interest.

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The Belur Temple is a famous monument of Indian architecture and its renovation is a matter of both Provincial & Imperial interest. The work may be included in the P W D

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and carried out from the funds provided in this Public Works budget. There are no funds in the Muzrai budget from which this extraordinary Charge can be met.

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maybe included in the P.W.D budget

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Submitted to the 2nd Cl. for perusal. 10/3/08

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Put up draft 11/3/08

Read 11/3/08

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Items of Belur Temple requiring repairs

(1) Northern wall of the Prakara, on the outside of

(2) Pedestal for the Dhwajastambha

(3) Kitchen

(4) Nagarkhana

(5) Yagasala

(6) Sri Ramadevaru Sannidhi.

(7) Sri Narasimhaswami Sannidhi

(8) Alwar Sannidhi

(9) Jeeyar Sannidhi.

(10) Kappe Chennigaroyaswami Temple

(11) Ammanavaroo Sannidhi

(12) Vahana Mantap

(13) Veera Narayana Sannidhi

(14) Andálamma

(15) Row of Mantaps.

(16) Desikar Sannidhi

(17) Krishnadevaru temple

(18) Bhashyakar

(19) Anjaneyaswami

(20) Naganaikana Me

(21) Kalyana Mantap.

(22) Two portions of the main outer wall of the temple

Proceedings of the Dewan of Mysore

Order No. 4722-3 / 148 dated 2nd Sept. 188.

The estimate framed for the reconstruction of the Goparam of the Belur Temple amounts to Rs 14,865. No grant can at present be made from the Provincial revenue towards this work, but a grant of a moiety of the cost will be sanctioned from the Surplus Temple Funds in the event of the remaining moiety being met by subscriptions from the devotees and others interested in the Temple. The Deputy Commissioner and his assistant in charge of the Mussai should at once call a public meeting of the people, and determine how the subscriptions are to be raised. They should take care that advantage is not taken of it for any fraudulent practices

practices and that no compulsion is used.

There ought to be no difficulty in getting subscriptions for such a religious purpose, not only from the people of the Taluk itself, but also from the Hindu communities at Mysore and Bangalore through the leading native officers there.

Sd/ R Vijayendra Rao
Secretary

To
The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan &
copy to the Supt. Engineer for
C.V. information.

The construction of the Gopur at the Belur Temple.

I forward herewith for approval and Sanction two drawings and an Estimate amounting to Rs 14,865/- for the reconstruction of one of the Gopurams of the Belur Temple.

II. The original superstructure was dismantled several years ago to save it from pulling. I regret that we have no conclusive information as to the precise cause of its having become insecure, and are not sure whether this should be attributed to inherent defects of construction in the Gopuram itself or to its foundation. This difficulty has been chiefly

due to the interior of the building being tabood to European Officers.

III. The building has been carefully inspected by Mr. Govindacharlu, and so far as can be judged of the filling in of earth between the walls be replaced by good Concrete, the superstructure may be safely raised thereon.

IV. As to the design of the Gopuram, efforts have been made to adhere closely to the original as to which however one only guide is a photograph. The Head Draftsman of my Office (Appasami) has endeavoured by inquiries and otherwise to clear up all doubtful points, and I think

the design may be accepted as a tolerably faithful counterpart of the original structure.

V. Not having previously had to carry out similar work we have further some doubts as to the rates to be entered in the Estimate. I am however of opinion that those entered should not be exceeded in carrying out the work. Much depends on the style in which the work is done, for instance Rs 2000/- has been entered for gilding the pinnacle but the work might cost much more or much less according to the thickness of the gilding.

(Signed) W. R Johnson.

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I shall take the papers with me to Mysore to see in

ommunication with Govinda
arlu whether any assistance
f way of workmen or funds
uld be got from the Palace.
shall also write to the Deputy
ommissioner to ask how he
roposes to get the money required,
iz, Rs 14,860/- as the Provincial
evenue can ill-afford it at-
resent; but the work is
important and pressing and
shall try to get funds.

(Signed) C. Rangacharlu.
31/8/81.

Translation of Petition from inhabitants of Belur.

It is a known fact that the Devasthanam of Sri Chennakesavaswami at Belur was built by ancient kings in a beautiful style. The shrine (Vimana) on the top of the building having been found a little deteriorated, it was ordered to be dismantled with a promise of its restoration. This promise was renewed by the Superintending Engineer on his 2 or 3 visits to the place as also by His Highness on his recent tour. The shrine having been dismantled, the building losing its balance on the top, the eaves show tendency to drop, which are now supported by sticks. This and Halebede form the Devasthanams of Hindus, which are carved with ornamental works to the taste & admire of people of all creed, have been brought to the notice of Her Most Gracious the Empress of India and supported and maintained by antique kings and administrations plead for themselves the restoration of the shrine (Vimana) in Belur Temple ——

Belur Temple.

With reference to the Dewan's orders of the 11th March 1885 regarding the reconstruction of the Vimana of the Belur Temple, I put up herewith a Photograph of the Temple and plans of the Vimana drawn under my orders in 1881 together with an Estimate of probable cost of rebuilding the same.

2. The design now submitted may be adopted as a tolerably faithful counterpart of the original structure

3. Not having previously had to carry out similar works, I have some doubts as to the rates to be entered in the Estimate, but I am of opinion that those entered should not be excluded in

Carrying

Carrying out the work.

4 There is a provision of Rs 2000/- made in the Budget for 1885-86 for constructing a canopy to Lenbbon's statue which will not be utilized this year. If the Estimate for the Belur Temple be sanctioned this amount may be appropriated and the work put in hand at once.

5. More funds, if required may be made available later on by reappropriation.

6. The file of papers connected with this work is also herewith sent.

7. If this estimate be sanctioned the collection of materials can be started and something done, by adding a weight over the present cornice outside, to prevent

future decay.

5. The question of allotting further funds may remain over, if necessary until next year. I can make no proposals at present beyond those made in para 4.

4/8/85 sd F. McLaughlin.

Copy of Dewan's orders on Belur and Halebede Temples.

I have perused this report with great interest. It gives a clear account of the temples in the Belur Taluk which are of great architectural value and to the preservation of which I attach great importance.

1. Belur Temple. The reconstruction of the Vimana (cupola) must be taken in hand at once. The funds required, if required should be granted out of Provincial Revenue. The design prepared by Mr Scaldwell appears to be sufficiently suitable; but I have not seen the photo of the old vimana. I would like to compare the Photo with the design. Any incongruous addition should be avoided. A Hindu

English officer should be placed in charge of the work which should be carried out with great care and closest attention to every detail.

ii Halebid Hoysaleswara Temple.

The roof should be thoroughly repaired before the next monsoon and the estimate therefore is sanctioned from Provincial funds.

iii Kolareswara Temple, Halebid.

This Temple is partially in ruins. Both Mr Subbarayer and Mr Mclaughlin report that nearly the whole of it can be restored. The Estimate prepared by the former amounts to only Rs 1034/- but with the revision proposed by Mr Mclaughlin the cost may be more. When we are about it, it is desirable that

the work should be prepared accordingly and sanctioned out of provincial funds. The work has to be executed with very great care and a competent man should have special charge of it. I think that restoration all but complete, is possible, but an Engineer with some taste in such matters and some Knowledge of temple architecture must have charge of the work. Mr Subbiaroyer will be so near Belur and Halebid, that it may perhaps be useful to make him supervise these works.

11/3/85

Sd K. Seshadri Iyer

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No. 1225 1890.

From The Chief Engineer of Mysore

To The Assistant Engineer Belur Range

Dated Bangalore 21st March 189

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Enclosures No. 2 Plans

General No.
No.

His No 35 dated 9th inst submitting proposals regarding the construction of a Vimanam to the Sricheunakesvaraswamy Temple at Belur.

In returning the two plans received with the above, requests the Assistant Engineer will be good enough to get up a project when t

'us time, for a wooden Cupola covered w
'opper sheets.

A strong framework nearly octagonal.
shewn in blue pencil on the plan sent by the
Assistant Engineer should be anchored down
into solid Concrete, and from this framewor
wooden ribs to be erected of shape required, nea
-ing at top, and from these ribs, the smaller
ribs &c may be made to carry the copper sheeti

(Signed)

Asstt Chief Engineer

Assistant Engineer's office,
Belur Range
Belur - 9th March 1891

To

The Chief Engineer
of Mysore

Sir,

With reference to your docket No. 27 dated 9th January last, I have the honor to submit a plan of the top of the inner sanctuary of the Belur Temple, shewing in dotted lines, the position of the wall that may be relied on for supporting the proposed Vimanam. This portion of the building appears strong and compact, and has no doubtful items in it. Between these walls and the outside carved stones, is a space of varying thickness shewn as brick in chunam in the tracing sent with the docket above referred to but which local enquiries

lead me to suppose, is mere debris consisting of stone chips and earth. Some people say it is concrete, but no reliance can be placed on it for supporting a weight until it is thoroughly examined. The outside carved stones have leaned forward in many places, and are unsuited to carry any weight. Their position is shewn in the section 2/- The dotted lines shewn in the plan, seem to give a sufficient base to erect a Vimanum of about 50 feet height. And some of the people are even willing, if necessary, to permit the filling up the side cells with concrete, so that there may be no anxiety regarding the pressure on the slabs. These cells are said to serve at present, no purpose except as receptacles for sundry small vessels

Cocoanuts, fruits, camphor &c which can be well put by in other places outside the shrine.

3. But if a wider base is considered necessary, then it will be safe to make sure of the space between the dotted lines and the outer carved stones by removing the top slabs, removing all the debris in this space, setting back the carved stones true and filling in the space with good concrete. It will be a large work, but a very substantial one about which future anxiety need not exist at all.

4. In conclusion, I beg to be excused for the delay in disposing of this reference, as it was due to the difficulty of access for measurements and the limited time at my disposal.

I have &c

Sd/ C. A. Mahadevashastry
Assistant Engineer
Belur Range

1891

From

The Assistant Engineer,

Belur Range

To

The Chief Engineer

of Mysore

Dated 9th March 1891

General No. 35

Constructing a Vimana on the Sreechenna Kesavaraswamy Temple at Belur

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Return the plans (2), and ask Asst. Engineer when he has time to get up plans & estimates for a wooden cupola covered with copper sheets.

A strong framework nearly octagonal in plan, as shewn in plan sent by Asst. Engineer in blue pencil to be anchored down into solid concrete, & from this framework wooden ribs to be erected of shape required, meeting at top & from these ribs the smaller ribs &c to carry the copper sheeting.

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The Chief Engineer
of Mysore

The Assistant Engineer
Belur Range

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No.

In forwarding the
inclosed design of
Vimana or Dome of
the Sree Chennakesavara
-swamy temple at
Belur, requests the
Assistant Engineer
will be good enough
to submit an accurate
plan of the top of the
shrine of the temple

shewing in dotted lines the exact position of the substructure which will carry the weight of the curb and ribs of dome which we - designed propose to have designed. ie faces of substructure, so as to avoid throwing the weight on the eaves or cornices outside the vertical lines of the masonry pillars.

Ed C. Bowen
Chief Engineer

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From

To The Deputy Commissioner
Kaksan District

Dated 22nd December 1890

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Enclosures No.

Camp
~~General~~ No. 430
No.

Deputy Commissioners
No 324 of 25th September
1890 regarding the resto-
-ration of Vimana or
Dome of the Sree Chenna
-Kesavaradswamy temple
at Belur

Has the honor to
request the Deputy
Commissioner to ascertain
exactly what funds
are

available for the above work; the encasing of the wooden dome with copper will probably cost a large sum

Jdf Coll. Bowen.
Chief Engineer
(22-12-90)

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From The Executive Engineer
Hassan Division

To The Chief Engineer
in Mysore

Dated Hassan 11. 12. 90

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General No. 336
No.

Chief Engineer's no
5013 dy 6" Ultimo, calling
for submission of a draw=
=ing said to have been
prepared by Mr Scaldwell
during 1876 for construct
=ing a vimana at Belur.

In resubmitting the
above, have the honor
to forward the margin
=ally noted drawings
bearing on the subject
found among the

Cheena Krishna

Take on to Chilur. In the
meantime ask the Dy Comr
ascertain exactly what
funds are available;
the encasing of the wooden
sure with Copper will pro
bably cost a large sum.

Dahalli } Jd CB.
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Send this design to asstt Engineer
request him to let me have an
accurate plan of the tops of the
rine of the Temple shewing in
otted lines the exact position
the subsbructure which will
ry the weight of the curb
d ribs of dome which
proposed to have designed.
ay subsbructure so as to
void throwing the weight
the eaves or cornices
utside the vertical lines of
masonary pillars.

an } Jd CB.
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records of this Office and to invite Chief Engineer's attention to his No 3725 dy 8th 1881 from which it can be seen that the project sent up to Government was not returned

sd/ A Govindacharlu
Executive Engineer
Hassan Division.

1 Rough plan of portion of Belur Temple over which Cupola was built.
dy 31-5-'76.

1 Elevation of proposed Cupola

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1890.

From

The Assistant Engineer
Belur Range

To

The Chief Engineer
of Mysore

Dated

Despatched } 16th October } Belur

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Enclosures No. -

General No. 58
No.

Sir -

With reference to your memo No 4740 dated 7th instant, I have the honor to state that I never studied Hindu Temple architecture and that, therefore, I cannot undertake with confidence the preparation of a design for the vimanam at Belur. The proposed

Yes

He might ask Sealdwell if he has got the drawing mentioned.

Sd/

27/10.

Camp No 289.

Forwarded in original to Mr R. T. Sealdwell Ex, Engineer with a request that he will obligingly forward the drawing of the vimanam referred to, if one has been prepared by him.

Sd/ Mc Hutchin
Asstt Chief Engineer
of Mysore.

30.10.90
No 4362/492.

Has the honor to state that the plan for reconstruction of dome of Belur temple, prepared by undersigned in 1876, will, left by him the Range office when handing over charge of the Hassan Range to

3rd Nov/90. Sd/ J.R. Sealdwell
Ex Engr Hassan Range

structure will, probably, have to be built to the old Vinnanam. A drawing of the; it seems, made by Mr Sealdwell many years ago.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant
(Signed) C. A. Mahadevachar
Assistant Engineer
Belur Range.

Replied to 336 of 11-12-90.

No 5073
Forwarded in original to the Executive Engineer Hassan Division with a request that he will have a search made in his Division Records for the drawing referred to by Mr Sealdwell & to forward the same to this Office at an early date.
By Order
Bangalore
Asstt Chief Engineer.

Recd in early Employment
11-12-90.

Resubmitted with Letter No 336 dated 11/12-12-90

No 47.40 Dated 7-10-90.

Copy of Deputy Commissioner's letter and of this petition to Mr Maha Deva Shastri who will report whether he feels himself competent to ~~prepare~~ and submit a design and estimate for a wooden "Goparam" to be encased in copper sheets, such as would meet the wishes of the people of Belur.

(Signed) Colonel Bowen

6/10.

Chief Engineer

Translation of a petition dated 28-8-
from the inhabitants of Belur.

The Vimana or Dome of the Sri Chennakesavaswamy temple at Belur, which is in a leaky and deteriorated condition, will no doubt collapse, if left any longer in the same state. In the last Dasara meeting of Engineers it has been resolved that if the Goparam be constructed of slab stone, and Brick in-Chunam it will be very heavy, but it may be Constructed of wood encased in brass and that this latter design was approved of by the inhabitants and that the order has accordingly been issued to put the work in hand

Petitioners now state that such order is not yet received, and pray that the restoration work may be started at an early date.

Deputy Commissioner's Office
Hassan District

Dated Hassan 25th September 1890.

From

P. N. Purnaiya Esquire
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To

The Chief Engineer & Secretary
to the Government of Mysore D.P.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith a petition from the inhabitants of Belur praying that the Goparam or Vimana, the question of restoring which has been so long pending - may be constructed with a wooden frame work encased in copper and to state that I believe this prayer of the Town people is in accordance with your

advice given them during your visit to the place year before last. Should you be disposed to favourably consider this request I shall take further steps to obtain a more formal consent from the Archits of the Temple and from the leading inhabitants of the place interested in the Temple. There are sufficient funds at the credit of the Temple.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

your most obedient Servant

(Signed) P. N. Purnaiya

Deputy Commissioner

MUZARAYI.

(General Serial No. 30.)

1887.

From

The Chief Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore

To

The Secretary D. P. W.
Mysore

Dated

7th June 1887

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No.
No. 733

Inform Petitioner that the Department can take no action in the matter until it is settled whether a Kainaman is actually required or not.

(Initials) C. Bacon

Ooo Letter No. 1155 of the 28th March 1887 enquiring whether the inhabitants of Belur are right in saying that His Highness the Maharajah promised that the restoration of the "Kainaman" of the Belur Temple would be undertaken.

In reply has the honor to forward for information an extract from the Canarese reply given by the Dewan to the address presented to His Highness by the inhabitants of Belur in 1885 and to observe that the promise

made was not that the Temple's Vimanam would be re-constructed, but that the question would be considered whether any Vimanam was required, and if so, what kind of Vimanam would be suitable to the style of the Temple's architecture and to the stability of the main building.

Enclosures are returned.

"By Order

(Signed) R. Vijayendra Rao

Chief Secretary

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Extract

(Signed) R. Vijayendra Row

Chief S

MUZARAYI.

(General Serial No. 30.)

No. 1155 1886-87

From

The Superintending Engineer of Mysore

To

The Chief Secretary to Dewan.

Dated

Bangalore 28th March/87

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No.

No.

To be obligingly returned.

In forwarding the enclosed petition from the inhabitants of Belur, has the honor to enquire whether the petitioners are right in saying that H.H. the Regulus promised the restoration of the "Vimanam" of the temple referred to would be undertaken. Such is not under-signed's impression.

(Sd.) C. Boswell

Superintending Engineer

Guyana
9-5-07

My dear

I am sending application
a letter requesting you to send
me file of Relm Temple - Where
the Demon was in Relm Court
he denied it & take up the quest
regarding Vimana for Sir Kee
- the Nominal Temple - and
to accompany the proper direction
early as possible -

Christy Ingram told me
he wrote to you for the file - as
the Demon visited that court
- since he denied it & came to
court of Vimana, I suppose
that in favour of sending the
file down to me -

yours sincerely
Robert Holmes

1896

From Private
The Secretary to H H the
Maharaja Regent Governing Mysore.

To
The Municipal Secretary to Govt of Mysore

Dated 4th September
Despatched 5th
Received
General No. 22
Mysore P. No.

Enclosures No. 2

Have the honor to transfer for disposal the marginally noted petitions to H H the Maharaja C. J. Regent of Mysore.

By order
J. Campbell
Private Secretary

Municipal
The Petrs relative to the Belur temple to be submitted to the Dewan for orders.
Mysore 7.9.96.

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transferred to the D.P.W.
The complaint is that the recent repairs have made the principal room more leaky than before. Whether this comparison is true or not, it seems beyond doubt that the recent repairs have not succeeded in making the roof water tight. Something must be done soon.
The Petrs suggest a copper plate roof. This is not a bad idea. It is common in temples elsewhere. It is practically everlasting. It enables you to get over the unsatisfactory expedient of Vimana. Kindly do the needful early.
Mysore K.S.
1.10.96

No. 1199/10 8/96
No. 1339/12 8/96

Mysore P. W. Dept.

To the Dewan of Mysore
for orders.

Belur Temple

When at Belur in last January I carefully examined inside and outside the Shrine of the temple over which the people of Belur have been for so long clamouring for the re-erection of the "Gopuram" which was pulled down many years ago having been pronounced unsafe.

The object of my visit was to decide finally

fear that the proposed Dome will be regarded as somewhat incongruous — I would let this idea alone & tell the people that a proper Vimana cannot be given without injuring or marring what remains of this ancient Building.

What they really want is a water tight roof and if we give it, they will be pleased & we will hear no more about the Vimana.

1.10.96. Intd K. S.

Labour lost!
I believe myself that the question of the "Vimana" will certainly be revived again; all the better if it is not.

Intd C. B.
2/10

how best to meet their views.
After inspection of the
building I came to the
conclusion that it would
be decidedly risky to
construct over the old
roof a heavy dome or
structure of solid masonry
similar to the old one.
But the erection of a
light dome or cupola
to be securely anchored down
to the old masonry I con-
-sidered feasible. The old
building will I think
bear this; the danger to
contend with is the wind
pressure which must
occasionally be very severe
if the structure is to be a
lofty one. A heavy curb

from which the woodwork of the dome will spring anchored down as deeply as may be found feasible through the concrete covering of the temple will I hope meet this difficulty.

The design I now submit, prepared with the help of Mr. T. Srinivas Rao is what I settled on after much consideration.

It is a dome of curved wooden ribs springing from a heavy curb and covered over with a casing of "pots" in chunam plastered. In fact what is known as a "Syrian cylinder" roofing, and similar

a structure to the curved
roof of the Jubilee Institute
and to the dome of the
Public Offices at Ispoor.

The plaster over the
cylinders" can be colored
or ornamented according
to the taste of the priests
or worshippers.

Surmounting the dome
will be fixed the old "Kalasa"
This is rather a battered
and misshapen piece of
metal-work now, but the
priests wish it to be put up.
It can be gilt.

The height to be given
to the dome exercised me
considerably. For safety
I was anxious to keep it
as low as possible, for
effect and because of the
lofty "Gopuram" over the
entrance

entrance to the temple courtyard, I wished to make it high. I obtained a point in favor of height and eventually fixed it as shown in the drawing. The Estimate amounts to Rs 9,030/-

(Sd) C. Bowen. Col:
Secy: to Govt. P.W.D.

No 343 D.

To Mech. Engr. Jaffna

No. 343 D.
8th Sept 98

Sir

Adverting to
Subject No 287
of the D.R.A Book
of 1897 I am desired to
inquire what
action has been
taken towards the
~~Restoration of the~~
Re-Construction
of the Vinayaga
of the Sri Kesava
Devam Temple at
Belan.

I have the
honor
Asst-Engr

Office note by W. Mc. Hutchin Esq^re
Superintending Engineer, Western circle
on the re-construction of Vimana of the
Sri Kesava Dewaru temple at Belur.

Please see Col: Bowens' memo: to
Dewan dated 2nd November 1895, sub-
-mitting a project of Rs 9030 for restoration
of Gopuram of Sri Channakesavara temple
at Belur, and the Dewan's orders thereon.

The inhabitants of Belur having
complained regarding the leaky condition
of the roof repaired by the D.P.W., the petitions
submitted by them were transferred to D.P.W.
Secretary by the Dewan with certain ob-
servations, vide his remarks dated 1st October 189
in file.

The Petitions and copy of Dewan's remarks
dated 1st October 1896 were forwarded to
Executive Engineer with a request to explain
the cause of failure of the repairs to the roof
carried out by D.P.W.; also to consider and
report on the suggestion to have a copper
plate roof similar to the one at Subrahmanya
vide Secy's No. 827/5340 dated 5th October 1896.

In reply, the Executive Engineer reported in his No. 132 of 27th March 1897 that the repairs to the roof were carried out by the D.P.W. under an Estimate of Rs 1702 sanctioned by Govt. in their Proceedings No. 33-4 dated 12th July 1893. The work consisted of simple concreting to the roof over the Garbhagudi: but that the concrete got saturated during the rains and dripped

Proposals to remedy the defects were made, but were ordered to be kept back until Superintending Engineer's inspection of the work in May 1897. This was accordingly done, and the reason for the leaky roof was found to be simply bad work. The Executive Engineer's suggestion to remove a portion of the very inferior Concrete, and to substitute a few courses of flat tiles in good mortar plastered over with good mortar were then approved of by Superintending Engineer and the work was ordered to be carried out before the monsoon — Vide Supt. Engr's Camp No. 369 of 10th May 1897. The Contractor and the Sub overseer responsible for the

bad work were fined.

The Ex: Engr. does not consider the proposal to put a copper plate roof suitable to Channakesavaswami temple. Vide para 2 of Ex: Engrs No. 132 dy 27th March 97.

It has since been reported by the Ex: Engr that the bad concrete used for the roof of the temple was removed and replaced last year by fresh concrete and covered over with two courses of flat tiles in mortar under the personal supervision of Sub Assistant Engineer Mr K. Ananthacharya and the roof made water-tight - Vide para 2 of Ex: Engrs report accompanied the revised Estimate.

(Sd) W. McC. Hutchin
Supdt Engineer
Western Circle.

Mysore
7th Sept 1898

No. 5716 dy 1. 10. 98

Forwarded with file to the Mysore Secretary to Govt. of Mysore, with reference to his letter No. 343 dated 8th. ultimo for information and obliging return when done with.

Sd) D. Mc. Neil Campbell
Col:
Ch Engr.

Intd.
A.S.
1.10.98.

No. 499 dy 6. 11. 00

Returned with thanks.

Sd. A. Subramanya
Dwn 2 Asst

No 537 of
Mus. E 90-92
22nd Nov. 1900

To
The Chief Secy of Govt

Sir

With ref.ce to the
Correspondence ending
with your Office No 5716.
of 1st Oct 98 regarding the
Sri Thirumakeswara
Temple at Belur, I am to
inform you that
complaints have
again been received
that the mg of the
Temple still leaks
and to request that
you will be
so good as to have

the Temple buildings

one more inspected

and examined in

order to find out

what further repairs

are necessary to

render the roof

completely watertight

~~If any repairs of~~ I am also to report what

any repairs are now

needed to the [redacted] roof

of the Temple, & when

~~it~~ estimate thereof

may be kindly prepared

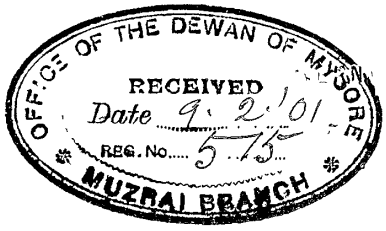
& sent to this Office

for sanction

I have &c

[illegible]

Mr. Secy



No 637 dated 8th February 1901.

Forwarded to the Muzrai Secretary to Government of Mysore with reference to his letter No 537 dated 22nd Novr 1900, for favor of the orders of Government on the enclosed Estimate of Rs 1930 for the repair of the roof of the main temple and as to whether a project is required for the repair of the roof of the ~~temple~~ room adjoining buildings and mantapam, which the Executive Engineer states will not cost less than Rs 10,000.

(Sd) A.C.J. Lobbiniere
Dy Chf Engineer

Sanction the Estimate

Vide no 1146-8 dy 6-5-07

Estimate at once and
show me the draft.
The work to be started
at once, and funds
being made available
from next year's grant
of Rs 15000. The repair
of out-houses &c involving
an outlay of about
Rs 10,000 should lie
over for the present.

Supt L. A.

22. 4. 01.

Read:—

Correspondence ending with communication No. 637, dated 8th February 1901, from the Chief Engineer of Mysore, forwarding, for sanction of Government in the Muzrai Department, an Estimate amounting to Rs 1930/- to repair the roof of the main building of the Sri Chenna-Kesavaswami Temple at Belur, so as to render it completely water-tight.

———"———

Order thereon:—

The Estimate for Rs 1930/- is sanctioned and returned to the Chief Engineer, with a request to have the repairs carried out under proper supervision in the P.W. Department. The Comptroller will be requested to place the amount of Rs 1930/-

No 1146-8
Muzrai 790-92
En: 3.
Dy 6th May 1901.

sanctioned at the disposal
P. W. Department, at
mmencement of the next
l year, debiting the
ge to the State Grant
15000. sanctioned in
Pro: No. 1103 / 7105-92 dated 8/ May 1901
~~April 1901~~

As regards the repair
adjoining buildings and
tapans, which, it is
ted, might involve an
ry of ~~about~~ not less than Rs 10,000/-,
vernment observe that
ork might be received
e present unless their condition demands
prompt action and
their architectural
interest is such that
a grant from the
adjoining Door
is
omit (what
point might
called for

Deputy Secretary

Chief Engineer in Mysore, with the sanct?
Comptroller Mysore Govt.
By [illegible] Hanamanta for information

1/57

The Chief Engineer is req
to report on the point. GK

MYSORE P. W. DEPART[illegible]

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

The Secy to the Govt. of Mysore.
Genl. & Revenue Department.

No. 3667

Dated Bangalore 6-7-01

Despatched

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Proposing that the repairs to the Sri Chennakesavaswami Temple at Belur might be deferred for the present.

8/7/07

Refers

8/7/07

Submitted for orders

8/7/07

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL OFFICE,

No. 3657

Bangalore, 6th July 1901 89

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,

General and Revenue *Department.*

Sir,

Referring to para 2 of Government Pro:No:1146-8 Muz.F.90-92 dated 6th May last, I have the honour to inform you that the Executive Engineer Hassan ~~District~~ *Division* reports that the repairs to the adjoining buildings and Mantapams of Sri Chennakesava swami temple at Belur might be deferred for the present, and that although they are not of architectural interest, repairs to the roof must be taken up gradually in the order of importance, and as funds become available. I concur in the opinion expressed by the Executive Engineer.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. W. Hudson

Offg Chief Engineer of Mysore.

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To,

The Chief Engineer

Bellyore

No 523 D 6.10.01
Mwz 790-92

Sir,

Adverting to Govt Pro: No. 1146-8 Mwz 790-92 dated 6th May 1901, sanctioning an Estimate for Rs 1930- to repair the roof of the main building of the Sri Chamakesava Swami temple at Belur, I am directed to enquire whether the work has been taken up and whether it will be finished within the close of the

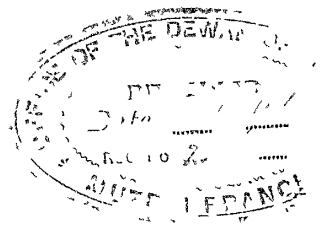
current Aff.t year
so that
~~in view to~~ the sanctioned
grant may not be
~~grant not being~~
allowed to lapse.
The favor of an early
reply is requested.

Thanking you

28/9/04.

Dr Secy

Ms



From The Chief Engineer
& Mysore

To The Secretary to Govt:
General & Revenue Depts

Dated Bangalore 5th Nov: 1901

Despatched

Received

General No. 5807
No.

Enclosure No.

Forwarding copy of Western Circle Supdg Engineer's docket in re the repairs to the Sree Chennakeswaraswami Temple at Belur.

Submitted for information

Rs

8/11/07

Acknowledge and say that the work may be finished before the close of the year so that the amount sanctioned may not lapse.

Draw attention to Govt Pro: and say that comns regarding Muzrai matters may be addressed to the Dy Secretary, Muzrai Dept

12/11/07

No. 3749 Dy 31-10-01

From

[illegible]

Superintending Engineer, Western Circle.

To

Colonel Campbell

Chief Engineer of Mysore

With reference to his No.5412 dated 3rd instant, has the honour to inform the Chief Engineer that the Executive Engineer Hassan Division reports in his No.540 dated 16th idem, that repairs to the main building of the Sree Chennakeswaraswami temple at Belur will be taken up after the Dussara feast, and completed within the close of the official year.

(Sd) W.J.Hutchin

Superintending Engineer, eastern Circle

No 5807 Dated Bangalore 5th November 1901

Copy of the above is forwarded to M.V.Nanjundayya Esquire, M.A., M.L., Secretary to the Government of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments, with reference to his office No.523/ Huz F.90-02 dated 1st ultimo.

Colonel

Chief Engineer of Mysore

A.P.D.

No. 664 Dy 15th Novr 1901.

To, The Chief Engineer
Bellgaum

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your O.M. No 5809 of the 5th Instant forwarding copy of letter from the Superintending Engineer Western Circle in re the repairs to the roof of the Sri Channakesava Swami Temple at Belur I am directed to request that the work may be finished before the close of the current Official Year, so that

~~Sanctioned~~ amount sometimes

may not lapse.

2. ~~And~~ I am also to draw your ~~attention~~

attention to Govt. No.

No. 13343-53 / Mis 3495 dated 9th April 1907, and I am to request ~~that~~ that Communications regarding Muzrai matters in future may be addressed to the Deputy Secretary to Govt., Muzrai Department.

Have &c.

15/11/07

for Deputy Secretary
Muzrai Department

Extract of Para 2 of the Dy Comrs of Dhs and H Sahib Accountant, for information ~~&c~~ the Asst. Engr. Hon

MUZRAI

1901–02.

From

To

The Chief Engineer
of Ellapore.

Dated 6th Feb'y '02

Despatched 7th

Received

General No. 1184

Muzrai F. No. 90–92

Enclosure No.

Chief Engineer's No 5807 dt
5th November 1901, ~~stating that~~ forwarding copy of letter f
the repairs to the main buildin
of the Sri Chennakesavaswami
temple at Belur would be
taken up after the Das-
feast and completed wom
close of the ~~fl~~ year.

Superintending Engr's
estern Circle, stating
Head-

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~~the favour of~~ Has the honor to reques
~~to be~~ informed whether the repa
to the temple in question ~~have be~~
~~actually~~ duly taken ~~up~~ in hand, an
if so, what progress has been ma

2. ~~The Chief Engineer is~~
~~also~~ requested ~~to push on the~~
~~work to completion before the~~
If possible it completed before

MGIPB 11-1-1901—1500

of the current fiscal year as
raised in ~~his~~ the letter cited above
at the amount allotted
not lapsed —

By order

6/2/02
Dy Secretary
Treas. Dept

Reminder

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From

Dy:

THE ~~MUZRAI~~ SECRETARY TO THE Govt.

~~DEWAN~~ OF MYSORE.

To The Chief Engineer Mysore

Dated
Despatched } 7.5.03
Received

General No. 2178
~~Muzrai No.~~ ~~2172~~ ~~Enclosure No.~~

This Office No. 1184 dated 6 Muzf 90 92 February 1890 2 requesting to be informed whether the repairs to the Sri Chennakesavaswamy temple at Belur have been taken ~~x~~ in hand & what progress has been made

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~~and subsequent reminder~~ marginally noted.

Has the honor to draw attention to the above and to request ~~an early reply~~. the favor of an early reply thereto.

By Order,

9/4/03

Dy ~~Muzrai~~ Secretary
Muz: Deptt

31/3/03

12-6-03
Rec'd
1032- 11/6/03

No 3036

Forwarded to the
Secretary to Govt,
Mujrai Department
with reference to his
no 2178/Mujrai: 90-92 dt/
7th ultimo.—

M. D'Souza
Chief Engineer
of Mysore.

Despd
10/6/03

Copies
KS
11/6/03

Submitted for information
KS
12/6/03 Jde 16/6/03

RECEIVED 2 JUN 1903

From

Secretary

To

The Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore 4th June 1903.

Despatched 6/6

Received

General No. 2785

No.

Enclosure No.

Chief Engineer's No.2459 dated 5th.ultimo, requesting to submit a brief report on progress made in repairing the roof of Cheunakeswara swamy's temple in Belur for information of Government; also the revised estimate called for in his No.5765 dated 7th.October 1902.

With reference to the above, has the honor to forward for information the enclosed copy of Hassan Division Executive Engineer's No.344 of 25-5-03 giving the progress made on the above work and reporting that the work will be completed next month.

2. A revised estimate amounting to Rs.2,269 was submitted by the Executive Engineer, with his No.725 dated 22-12-0 but it was not approved by the undersigned, and the Executive Engineer

s ordered to complete the work as per original sanctioned estimate. A revised estimate is therefore not necessary.

Superintending Engineer,

Western Circle.

Subject no. 499.

1) Repairs to temple at Belur 2) The construction of a Kiriana for Channakesa Swamy temple.

Summary.

1) The main temple of Channakesavaswamy was repaired 2 years ago at a cost of Rs 2,000 by the Public Works Deptt. The minor temples round it, viz, Sri Rama's etc are leaking and require repairs

2) The Kiriana which was pulled down under the orders of the chief Commr. who also promised a new one to be built instead, has not yet been restored. Pray that orders may be passed for its restoration as the Kiriana would be a lasting commemoration of the Installation of H.H the Maharaja.

Reply of Govt

The necessary repairs will be taken in hand soon.

Submitted in cont.

The file is [illegible]

31/8/00

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Munzrai Secretary's Remarks

The question of re-
-constructing a Vimana
was declared impracticable
by the late Dewan in 1899

The repairs of the
minor temples, which were
inspected by me in September
1904, require to be under-
-taken early. A note will
soon be submitted for
the orders of Government.

No 29

From Dpl Asst Executive Engineer

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To

The Chief Engineer of Mysore

Dated 12th Oct 1905

Despatched

Received

General No. 1843 & Camp Mysore 1844

No.

Enclosure No.

Sir,

When I inspected the Sri Chennakesava devaru temple at Belur in September 1904 last, I observed that the following buildings within the temple premises were leaky and required repairs:—

(1) Kitchen (2) Nagarkhana (3) Ramadevaru Sannidhi (4) Yaga sala (5) Narasimhaswami Sannidhi (6) Alwar Sannidhi (7) Jeeya Sannidhi (8) Kappe Chennigaroya Sannidhi (9) Ammanavara Sannidhi (10) Vahana Mam

Submitted in continuation of the file

30/9/05

Veera Narayana Sannidhi (12)
Da Lamma Sannidhi (13) the
- of Mantaps (14) Desikar Sannidhi
Krishnadevara Sannidhi (16)
ashya Kar Sannidhi (17) Anjaneya
vara Sannidhi (18) Naganathana
ntap (19) Kalyana mantap

The Annamacharya Sannidhi
is to be
as also dark and requires ~~being~~
rovided with a sky light in its centre.

One stone slab on the roof
f the Andalamma Sannidhi is broken
and ~~requires~~ has to be replaced.

A portion of the northern
compound wall of the temple
has fallen down and requires ~~being~~ to be
reconstructed.

2. The temple is a Muzrai
Institution. But the building
being under the supervision of
the P.W. Deptt on account of
its architectural beauty, I
am directed to request the favr
of your kindly deputing Mr. Maha-
deva Sastri, Executive Engineer,
who had accompanied me to
the Institution ~~once~~ to prepare. separate

HR Approp of 1905

Sub. 2-0434 (Harrison Obj)

As stated last year in reply, the Government may be pleased to take up the necessary repairs to the Belur temple soon and the construction of the Vimana may also be ordered early.

Reply of Govt

As the temple is one of the most beautiful archi-tectural buildings for preservation as that of Halebid, the Government may be pleased to order the cost of its annual repairs being met by the Civil Funds as in the case of Halebid

To.

No. 4462 W/5 4.05.

The Chief Engineer in Mysore

Dept

In forwarding the marginal reference, he is requested to report whether he can not send Mr Raja Value Naidu to prepare an estimate for the construction of the Vimana and repairs of the temple in question.

By order

27/3

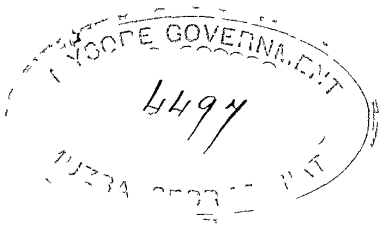
Secretary

21/3/06

Enclosure

Reply of Govt

The Chief Engineer will be asked whether he can not send Mr Raghavalu Naidu to prepare an estimate



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MYSORE P W DEPARTMENT

No. 2493

From

THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF MYSORE,

Bangalore.

To

The Secretary to Government

Mysore Department.

Dated Bangalore, 20-4-1900.

Despatched

Enclosure No.

SUBJECT.

Stating that a construction of a Gopuram to the Belur Temple cannot be undertaken for reasons stated in this office No.5710 of 1st October 1898.

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MYSORE P W DEPARTMENT.

No.2475

CENTRAL OFFICE,

BANGALORE. 20th April 1905

From F.W.Chitgin Esquire, M.I.C.E.,
~~THE~~ CHIEF ENGINEER OF MYSORE.
BANGALORE

Refer
21/4/06

To
L.Anantasami Rao Esquire, B.A.,
Secretary to the Government
of H.H.the Maharajah of Mysore,
Muzrai Department.

Sir

With reference to your No.4462 of the 5th instant, annexing copy of representation (Subject No.434, Hassan District), made at the Dasara Representative Assembly of 1905, regarding desirability of reconstructing the Vimana of the Belur Temple and enquiring if Mr.Raghavalu Naidu cannot be sent to prepare an estimate for the work &c; I have the honor to draw your attention to this office No.5710 of the 1st October 1898 ~~for~~ forwarding for information, Western Circle, Superintending Engineer's Office Note dated 27th September 1898 together with the complete file on the subject and to inform you that under the circumstances therein stated it is useless reviving the question of putting up a Gopuram to the temple as Government

had ordered that it should be dropped.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Bernard Davis
Lieut.R.N.

Deputy Chief Engineer of Dredges

&c.

1905–06

From

To The Dy: Commr. of Hassan Dt.

Dated

Despatched 19th May 1906

Received

General No. 5349
No.

Enclosure No.

Subject nos 499 & 436 of the Mysore Representative assembly of 1904 & 1905 respectively re repairs to the Belur Temple and the construction of a Vimana thereto.

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Referring to the above has the honor to state that the Chief Engineer who was ~~addressed~~ requested on the subject ~~to~~ reports that the construction

2 a Vimana ~~(for)~~ asprayed
for by the Representative members
cannot be undertaken as
the same was declared
impracticable.

2 As regards the necessary
repairs to the minor temples
&c, the Chief Engineer
has been requested to submit
Estimates for them, (~~which~~ and on their receipt
~~a copy of which communication
has been sent to the Dy: Comm~~
~~and on receipt of the
Estimates thereof the~~ needful
orders will be issued ~~for their~~ in the matter
~~early execution~~.

3. The Dy: Comm is
requested to communicate
the above to the Representa-
tive members of the Belur
Taluk. ~~and see that the
question is not brought
again this year in the
Representative assembly~~

No 5350

By order

Copy to the Chief
with a request
Estimates called for in the
Letter no 1843 dy 12 Cct/05

Dt 06 Secy 16/10/1906

Ans A

Ex. 1255
31/8/06

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1906.

From

The Chief Engineer of Mysore

To

The Secretary to Government,
Muzrai Department.

Dated Bangalore 28-8-1906

Despatched

Received

General No. 5931
No.

Enclosure No. 25

Forwarding for sanction of Government estimates for the several works proposed to be executed to the Sri Chennakesavaswamy Temple at Belur.

Mysore Public Works Department,

No. 593/Ew 25 Central Office,

Dated Bangalore 28th August 190

From,

W. Mc Hutchin Esquire, M.I.C.E.,

Chief Engineer of Mysore,

B A N G A L O R E.

To,

L. Anantasami Rao Esquire, B.A.,

Secretary to the Government

of H.H.the Maharajah of Mysore,

Muzrai Department,

B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.1843 dated the 12th October 1905,and subsequent correspondence ending with this office No.4398 of the 2nd ultimo, I have the honor to forward for the sanction of Government the accompanying estimates amount-ing to Rs. 12,213/- for the several works proposed to be executed to the Sri Chennakesavaswamy Temple at Belur. The pro-posals to be adopted as dealt with in detail by the Executive Engineer in the report attached to the estimates.

2. The Executive Engineer's method of treating the roof is not approved and the provision made therefor has been alter for bringing the concrete of existing roofs to a uniform slo and covering with 1" cement plaster armoured with wire netting This was tried on other works and gave excellent results.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Lieut.R.E.,

For Chief Engineer of Mysore.

MYSORE P. W. DEPARTMENT

CENTRAL OFFICE,

No. 3546

Bangalore, 17—5— 1897

From W. M. Mitchell Esq. M.I.C.E.,
The Chief Engineer of Mysore,

To

The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to invite attention to the Communication noted in the margin and to request that you will be so good as to return the file of papers called for therein as early as possible, the same being required for transmission to the Executive Engineer, Palace Division, for the preparation of an estimate as ordered by the Dewan for reconstructing the Vimanam of the Belur Temple.—

This Office No. 2829 of the 18th ultimo, requesting the return of the file of papers relating to the question of re-constructing the Vimanam of the Belur Temple forwarded with this office No. 5716 of the 1st Octo 1878.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servt.
J. Bernard Davis.
Captain R.E.
Ag. Executive Engineer & Secy.

Off Sword

4795
No. 2829 / 20-4-07
REGISTERED

[illegible],

Dated [illegible] 1907.

From,

The Chief Engineer of [illegible],

[illegible].

To,

T. Ananta Sami Iyer Esquire, B.A.,

Secretary to the Government

of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore,

Mazrai Department,

BANGALORE.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will be so good as to return the file of papers relating to the question of re-constructing the Vimanam of the Belur Temple forwarded with this office No. 5716 dated 1st October 1898, the same being required by the Executive Engineer, Palace Division, for the preparation of an estimate for building the Vimanam over the Temple, as ordered by the Dewan.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant

Edmund Dane
Captain R.E.

Deputy Chief Engineer

of Mysore.

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT

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From

L. ANANTASAMI RAO, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department

To

The Chief Engineer
~~to~~ Mysore.

Dated

Despatched 21-2-07

Received

General No. 5489
Muzrai F. No.

Enclosure No.

With ~~reference~~ to his
letter No. 3596 dated 17th
May 1907 requesting the
the file of
return of ~~Certain~~ papers
belonging ~~to~~ this Office
relating to the question
of reconstructing the Vimana
of the Belur temple has the
honour to state that

GPB—3 000—21-7-06

the records of this Office show that
the papers referred to above
~~have been~~ returned with thanks
with
this Office No. 499 dated
6th November 1900.

By Order,

20/5/07

Secretary to Govt
Irrigation Department

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20/5/07

Copy is forwarded to the
Executive Engineer, Palace Divn
with reference to his letter No 3679/9th
May 1907.

B. V.

Secretary.

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No. 4579 of 28/9/06

Chief Engr

Submitted in original for orders as to whether work may be begun in anticipation of Sanction or not

W. Teale Capt. R.E.
Supdg: Engineer
Western Circle
1708

No. 6645 Dated 21-9-1906

Forwarded to the Secretary to Government, Muzrai Department, in continuation of this office No. 5931 dated 28th August 1906 for favour of early disposal and orders.

W. Teale Capt. R.E.

Chief Engineer of Mysore.

Rec'd 28/9/06
Refer as per plan
Please continue note
& submit early.

Cir'd (3) 29/9/06
Govt No 3979 21/9/06
16.3.07
24/11/07
13/10/3

To

The Superintending Engineer
Western Circle

Dated 17th Sept 1906
Despatched 18-9-06
Received

General No. 430
No.

Enclosure No 3

Urgent Repairs to Sri Bheemakoova Swami's Temple at Belur

Has the honour to state that the undersigned submitted the project for the thorough repairs of the several blocks in this Temple a couple of months ago and provision was included in that estimate for the dismantlement of parts of the floor in the Sopuru

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Portion of Pyramidal Structure

Commanding the entrance and which contains several wooden and terraced landings in more or less dilapidated condition.

II The Deputy Commissioner in forward a report received from the ~~Deputy~~ Builder to the effect that the 3rd story or floor has partly come down, Requests that needful repairs might be carried out and the undersigned would like to know whether there is any prospect of the large estimate already Submitted being Sanctioned in the near future and if not whether the Superintending Engineer would approve of the repairs to this particular portion being put in hand in anticipation of Sanction in order to prevent further deterioration and Complaint, Since the Structure of the floors though not in positive danger is getting worse

III The enclosed Correspondence is submitted for information and

Executive Engineer

In Urdu

Read:— Correspondence ending with Com. No 6645 dy 24th Sept 1906 from the Chief Engineer of Mysore submitting for sanction 23 Estimates prepared by the Executive Engineer, Hassan Division amounting in all to Rs 12,213 for executing repairs to the Sri Chenna-Kesavaswami temple at Belur.

No. 3979-802 D/16.3.08

Order thereon—No.

Encs:
Estimated 22
Report 1
General Abstract 1
Plan 1
Ver: papers 3
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The Govt observe that the Belur temple being a famous monument of Indian Architecture, its renovation is a matter of both Provincial and Imperial interest. There are no

funds in the Income
Budget from which this
extraordinary charge
can be met. The works
Should ~~they~~ the Govt direct, therefore, be included
in the P.W.D. Programme
and carried out, ~~from~~ the funds required
~~the funds provided in~~ for the purpose being
~~the Public Works Budget~~ included in the P.W.
Budget of 1908-190

Dewani order)

16/3/08
Secretary
4/4 May 1908

To
The Chief Engineer of Mysore
- Dy: Comm^r Hassan Dt.
" Secy to Govt Genl & Rev Dept
" Comptr to Govt

Letter No 323 dated 17th June 1906, from the Executive Engineer, Madras Division, to the Supdg Engineer, Western Circle Bangalore

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Superintending Engineers No 2531 dated 5th instant, requesting to submit-early the estimates for repairs to certain buildings within the Sri Chennakesavaswamy temple at Belur.

With reference to the above has the honor to state in reply that the undersigned is now at Belur getting up this Estimate with plans himself as it is a large business & has been long delayed

The Sub divisional Office is ill Project will follow in the Course of a few days —

No: 59

No 4398

Copy of above forwarded to the Secy to the Govt of Mysore, Irrign Department, for information with reference to his No S-350 of the 15th May 1906 —

Rupees
Rs
4/7/06

Submitted for information

Rs
16/7/06

Bangalore
2-7-06

for Dy Chief Engineer of Mysore

No. 4607 @ 21.4.08

With reference to subject no. 281 brought up during the last year's Dasara meeting praying for repairs to the Gopura on the Mahaswara and outer shrines and construction of a Vimana to the Sri Lokenmakesvara Swamy temple at Belur, Mr. Venkatramaiya, R. member of the Hassan District Board is informed that the Public works Deptt will arrange to execute the needful repairs to the temple in due course.

By order
Dft) 4/4/08
Secretary.
4/4/08

No. 4608

Copy to Dy Commr Hassan
District in contn of Govt
Reco. no. 3979-82 Dt 16-3-1908

By order
Dft) Secretary

D.O. Bangalore 19.12.07

To

L. P. Raghavalu Naidu Esq^re,
Executive Engineer,
Palace Division
Mysore.

My dear Sir,

Referring to the order of the late Dewan in March 1906, and to the instructions stated to have been subsequently given to you by the present Dewan in connection with your deputation for preparing Estimates for the construction of the Vimana of the Sri Chennakesava Devasthana temple at Belur ~~and for the repairs of the minor temples within the premises of that temple~~, may I request you to be kindly informed let me know what progress has been made by you in the matter and how the question now stands. An early reply will oblige

Yours very sincerely
19/12/07